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Dear Citizen:

This is to notify you that we have recently completed evaluations of six western Oregon Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Salem, Eugene, Coos Bay, Roseburg, and Medford Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area, a portion of the Lakeview District. The RMP evaluations examined the first three years of plan implementation, (May/June 1995 through September 1998).

The evaluations were for the purpose of determining if there was new information or changed circumstances sufficient to warrant amendment or revision of the plans. The plan evaluations were not intended to re-analyze information previously considered in the RMP. Circumstances which have continued to evolve since the end of this specific evaluation period will be addressed in subsequent plan evaluations.

The findings of the six plan evaluations are that from 1995 through 1998 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) successfully implemented the RMPs and the Northwest Forest Plan, and that no amendments or revisions are warranted. The evaluations indicate, however, that minor adjustments in the annual harvest level of two districts are necessary. The annual harvest level for the Coos Bay District is reduced from 32 million board feet (MMBF) to 27 MMBF because of the transfer of lands to the Coquille Indian Tribe and the additional reserves required for the protection of marbled murrelets. The annual harvest level for the Eugene District is reduced from 36 MMBF to 33 MMBF because of required harvest deferrals and the correction of an error in timber yield projections.

The plan evaluations, findings, and supporting documents are available upon request at the respective local BLM offices. If you have any questions regarding these plan evaluations, please contact Chris Cadwell at (541) 683-6120 or Phil Hall at (541) 464-3242.

Sincerely,

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